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1. CHARGE CALLED JUNE 26 ON FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY YUFJF AL-ALAWI AND CONVEYED NEWS OF USG DECISION TO SEEK IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH PDRY. PRESENTATION DREW FROM PARAS 1-3 OF REF A. IN VIEW OF REF B, CHARGE NOTED THAT INITIAL APPROACH ALREADY MADE IN NEW YORK, WITH RESULTS NOT YET CONCLUSIVE BUT TONE POSITIVE.
2. ALAWI RESPONDED THAT OMANGOV VIEWS THIS AS HELPFUL STEP MADE AT THE RIGHT TIME. HE UNDERSTOOD NEED TO KEEP USG EFFORT CONFIDENTIAL.

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3. ASKED ABOUT OMAN-PDRY RELATIONS, ALAWI STATED THAT OMANGOV WAS RELYING ON SAUDI MEDIATION EFFORT AT PRESENT TIME. NO DIRECT CONTACTS HAVE YET TAKEN PLACE WITH PDRY REPRESENTATIVES, HE SAID (AN ASSERTION THAT CHARGE DID NOT CHALLENGE). IF THE SAUDI EFFORT SUCCEEDS, A JOINT OMAN-PDRY COMMUNIQUE MAY COME OUT ON THE RESTORATION OF NORMAL RELATIONS. BUT HE THOUGHT THE SAUDI-LED NEGOTIATIONS WOULD TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE

THIS COULD OCCUR.
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